

# News Advisory



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## State Parks' Report on Future Parks for Central Valley Ready for Release

### *Input from Valley Residents Provided Basis for Vision*

**WHO:** Ruth Coleman – Director, California State Parks  
Frank Bigelow – Madera County Supervisor and Chairman, San Joaquin River Conservancy Board  
Coke Hallowell – Board President, San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust  
Jim Oftedal -- Program Manager, Central Valley Consortium, U.S. Forest Service  
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**WHAT:** Release of the "California State Parks' Central Valley Vision".

Over the past two years, State Parks has conducted an extensive public outreach, holding town-hall style meetings across the State, from Redding to Bakersfield, asking Valley residents for recommendations on what kinds of special places they want to preserve and protect as future parks, recreation, historic and cultural sites. This was done because the Central Valley is growing rapidly, yet remains one of the most underserved areas in the State. This report outlines what kinds of parks Valley residents said they want for the future.

Director Coleman will release and discuss the report. Others will discuss how it specifically applies to their areas of the Central Valley, with an announcement expected on a successful local effort.

**WHEN:** 11:00 AM – Thursday, May 25, 2006

**WHERE:** Sycamore Island Ranch – See map on next page.  
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